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# KENNEDY GETS BRIEFING

## PRESIDENT-TO-BE HEARS REPORT FROM DULLES ON LATIN SITUATION

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Senator, CIA Chief  
Meet for 2½ Hours  
at Palm Beach —  
'Wide Range of Mat-  
ters' Covered.

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PALM BEACH, Fla., Nov. 18  
—President-elect John F. Ken-  
nedy received a briefing on the  
tense situation in Nicaragua and  
Guatemala today from the na-  
tion's top intelligence officer.

The report was given Kennedy  
at his vacation headquarters  
here this morning by Allen W.  
Dulles, director of the Central  
Intelligence Agency. Dulles was  
accompanied by Richard Bissell,  
a deputy director of CIA.

The two men conferred with  
Kennedy for 2 hours and 40  
minutes on the front lawn of his  
family's home overlooking the  
Atlantic ocean.

Kennedy's acting press secre-  
tary, Donald M. Wilson, said the  
discussion covered a "wide  
range of matters, one of which  
was the situation in Central  
America."

### Details Withheld.

Wilson declined to give any de-  
tails on the discussion.

He also refused to say whether  
Kennedy supports the action of  
President Eisenhower in order-  
ing American naval units to be  
ready to provide military assist-  
ance to Guatemala and Nica-  
ragua to repel any Communist-di-  
rected internal subversion at-  
tacks.

"We are going to have no com-  
ment on that," Wilson stated.

"Senator Kennedy feels it  
would be improper for him to  
discuss actions or policies of the  
United States at the present time  
because he has no responsibili-  
ties for policies," Wilson stated.  
"That will be his position on all  
such matters between now and  
inauguration day."

It was learned earlier, how-  
ever, that Kennedy is vitally in-  
terested in the critical situation  
in Central America. It was known  
in advance of today's meeting  
that he planned to ask Dulles for

a complete report on the situa-  
tion in both Guatemala and  
Nicaragua.

It was understood that it was  
the critical situation in these  
two countries, as well as in  
Costa Rica, that led the Presi-  
dent-elect to ask for today's  
briefing.

### Request Made Tuesday.

Kennedy made the request last  
Tuesday. At that time the only  
reason given for the meeting  
was a general explanation that  
the President-elect wanted to go  
over "a number of problems  
facing the United States."

The request for a briefing on  
the Central American situation  
preceded by two days the an-  
nouncement of President Eisen-  
hower's order for standby mili-  
tary assistance to be made avail-  
able to Guatemala and Nica-  
ragua.

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